

REMARKS

In this application, An Amendment after Final Rejection was filed on August 10, 2006, and a Notice of Appeal was filed on September 13, 2006. On October 17, 2006, the PCT Legal Office issued a Decision on Petition, directing that the corrected translation of the underlying PCT application filed on August 10, 2006 be entered. Applicants are awaiting the Examiner's response to the Amendment that was filed herein on August 10, 2006. This RCE is filed to avoid abandonment of the application.

This RCE SUBMISSION is in further response to the Office Action that was mailed on March 14, 2006. This RCE SUBMISSION makes a very minor typographical amendment to claim 2 – specifically, changing “a diC₁₋₆alkyl ether” to “a di-C₁₋₆alkyl ether”. No new matter is introduced by the amendment.

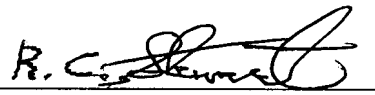
Claims 1-3 and 18 had been rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Office Action of March 14, 2006, pages 6-7. The essence of the rationale for the rejection is embodied in the Examiner's contention that “there is not mention anywhere in applicants' specification of only using the hydrocarbon or the chain ether as the solvent for the crystallization of the imide compound from a reaction mixture obtained by an oxidation reaction of only a monocyclic C₄-C₁₆cycloalkane substrate”. Applicants maintain that the disclosure in the paragraph bridging pages 48-49 of the specification – “When the reaction product is low or weak polar compound (an oxidation reaction product from a monocyclic C₄₋₁₆cycloalkane), it is preferred that a hydrocarbon or chain ether is employed as the solvent for crystallization” – constitutes adequate basis for reciting a hydrocarbon or chain ether as a solvent with an oxidation reaction product of a monocyclic C₄₋₁₆cycloalkane in the claims. Withdrawal of the rejection of record, and passage of this application to Issue, is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008 with any questions.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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